

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # **476-2016**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: November 8, 2016

SUBJECT: **PARKS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MOTIONS**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform the Mayor and Commission of five motions passed by the Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board at its meeting of November 2, 2016:

MOTION 1:

The Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board motions for City staff to provide the board members with update on status and potentially expedite the timeframe for of the new restroom building at North Shore Park.

Motion Made by: Lori Nieder

Motion Seconded by: Carolina Jones

Motion Passes: 11-0 (Motion Passes)

Members Present for Motion: Chris Growald, Carolina Jones (Chair), Wil Martinez, Dana Turken, Lee Zimmerman, David Berger, Jenifer Caplan, Eliane Soffer Siegel, Robert Gonzalez, Jonathan Groff and Lori Nieder.

Members Absent for Motion: Stephanie Rosen and Paul Stein

MOTION 2:

After discussion of the newly adopted North Beach Master Plan and specifically the future uses of the " West Lots", the Parks and Recreational Advisory Board motions to oppose the sale of any public land, that is currently used or available to be used for Parks in the future, to anyone for private use.

Motion Made by: David Berger

Motion Seconded by: Jonathan Groff

Motion Passes: 10-0 (Motion Passes)

Abstained from Vote due to Conflict: Carolina Jones (Chair)

Members Present for Motion: Chris Growald, Wil Martinez, Dana Turken, Lee Zimmerman, David Berger, Jenifer Caplan, Eliane Soffer Siegel, Robert Gonzalez, Jonathan Groff and Lori Nieder.

Members Absent for Motion: Stephanie Rosen and Paul Stein

MOTION 3:

The Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board has for the past year been discussing various recreational facilities and locations. After giving a lot of consideration and reviewing the North Beach Master Plan, it seems most efficient to the board to consolidate the following four (4) sports activities into the conceptual design of the 72nd Street Lot in order to create a recreational sports corridor: a competitive pool, batting cages, skate park and regulation size soccer field. Parking and the appropriate life safety considerations for crossing Harding Avenue should also be considered in the plan.

Motion Made by: Jonathan Groff

Motion Seconded by: Carolina Jones

Motion Passes: 11-0 (Motion Passes)

Members Present for Motion: Carolina Jones (Chair), Chris Growald, Wil Martinez, Dana Turken, Lee Zimmerman, David Berger, Jenifer Caplan, Eliane Soffer Siegel, Robert Gonzalez, Jonathan Groff and Lori Nieder.

Members Absent for Motion: Stephanie Rosen and Paul Stein

MOTION 4:

The Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board motions to inform the City Commission and the Community that the members of the board reviewed the 30% drawings of the Future Community Park (Former Par 3), and have discussed and recommended changes; however, do not currently endorse the revised drawings as they are yet to be analyzed by the board.

Motion Made by: David Berger

Motion Seconded by: Dana Turken

Motion Passes: 9-1 (Carolina Jones Against - Motion Passes)

Abstained from Vote due to Conflict: Eliane Soffer Siegel

Members Present for Motion: Carolina Jones (Chair), Chris Growald, Wil Martinez, Dana Turken, Lee Zimmerman, David Berger, Jenifer Caplan, Robert Gonzalez, Jonathan Groff and Lori Nieder.

Members Absent for Motion: Stephanie Rosen and Paul Stein

MOTION 5:

The Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board motions to support item R9T on the November 9, 2016 Commission Meeting agenda to consider the creation of a pocket park on the 20th Street and Alton Road and ask staff to provide the board with an inventory list of other parcels where the same can be done.

Motion Made by: Robert Gonzalez

Motion Seconded by: David Berger

Motion Passes: 8-0 (Motion Passes)

Members Present for Motion: Chris Growald, Wil Martinez, Lee Zimmerman, David Berger, Jenifer Caplan, Robert Gonzalez, Jonathan Groff and Lori Nieder.

Members Absent for Motion: Carolina Jones (Chair), Dana Turken and Elaine Soffer Siegel

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